

Election of Species

Applicant elects Species II as described with respect to Figs. 3-4(d) for initial examination. Claims 5-10, 12-16, 21 and 22 should be considered as readable on Species II. This election is without traverse.

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 5-22 are pending in the present application.

As noted above, Species II as described with respect to Figs. 3-4(d) has been elected for initial examination. As also noted above, claims 5-10, 12-16, 21 and 22 should be considered as readable on Species II. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a divisional application including any of the non-elected claims.

Applicant also respectfully submits that claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 are generic to each of Species I – IV.

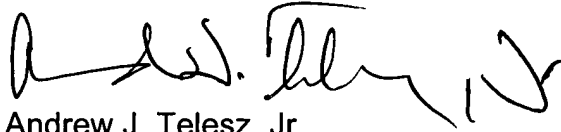
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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